

## Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: August 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

In Attendance: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Ron Van Winkle, Pat Alair, John Phillips, Mark McGovern, Duane Martin, Todd Dumais

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

### AGENDA

1. Resolution approving submission of a state grant for the replacement of a bridge on North Main Street  
**The committee discussed the planned rehabilitation of a bridge crossing Trout Brook on North Main Street. The Council will see a resolution permitting the Town Manager to apply for a state grant for the rehabilitation at the next Council meeting.**
2. An update of the grant application to ConnDOT for highway and trail improvements  
**The Town Engineer discussed in more detail the application the administration has made for a state grant for the extension of the Trout Brook Trail and safety improvements at Mountain Road and Albany Avenue.**
3. Construction update
  - a. Sinkholes  
**The Public Works Director discussed a significant number of sink holes that have appear in the streets due to recent heavy rains and the department's efforts to determine the cause and repair the infrastructure.**
4. Proposed zoning ordinance changes  
**The Committee discussed a series of zoning ordinance definitions that the administration is proposing we update or improve. The proposal will be on the Council's next agenda to be set for hearing.**
5. Improvement to the intersection of Buena Vista and Mountain Road  
**The Committee discussed planned improvements to the intersection of Buena Vista Road and Mountain/Sedgwick Road. The Committee expressed concern with the form of the agreement with the Art League regarding street right of ways and requested the administration clarify the existing easement.**

6. Parking

**The Public Works Director discussed the plan to replace meters with kiosks in the center. The bids for that change are about to be solicited. The administration has had positive meetings with center property owners and will hold further public information meetings.**

7. Other business

**The Committee discussed the planned improvements to the Park Road – I-84 intersection. The Town has received a state/federal grant for \$2.5 million for the improvements however the work is expected to cost \$4.5 million. In a meeting with the Town ConnDOT committed an additional \$2 million to the project. The administration will hold a public hearing on the project in the next six weeks.**

**The Committee also discussed the reconstruction of Farmington Avenue from Trout Brook Drive to Ardmore Road which is to begin momentarily and take about two months to complete. All under road infrastructure has been replaced and the reconstruction will require the removal of the asphalt surface as well as the concrete road beneath requiring a substantial and complex excavation.**

C: Town Council  
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager  
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel  
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk  
Department Directors  
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools